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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**Flooding forces evacuation of 1,300 in ND town.** A number of evacuations occurred throughout Pembina County towns as flooding threatened the Renwick Dam's capacity. Evacuations included healthcare facilities, and the flooding also prompted the closure of portions of Highway 5 and Highway 18. Source: <http://nation.time.com/2013/05/22/flooding-forces-evacuation-of-1300-in-nd-town/>

**Mandatory evacuation order issued as Cavalier, ND prepares for Renwick Dam failure.** Residents of Cavalier, North Dakota, were placed under mandatory evacuation May 21 as falling rain and runoff threaten the capacity of the Renwick Dam. Makeshift levees were built to prevent spillover from the dam, however officials expected a breach within 12 hours. Source: <http://www.wdaz.com/event/article/id/17983/>

**Rains soak, rivers rise across the region.** Several rivers and tributaries throughout northeast North Dakota and parts of Minnesota overflowed, flooding homes and prompting evacuations after heavy rainfall in the region beginning the weekend of May 18-19 saturated the area with up to 6 inches of rain. Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/264079/group/homepage/>

## **REGIONAL**

**(Minnesota) Two infants ill in Salmonella tahini outbreak.** The Minnesota Department of Health announced that two children under the age of 1 were reported ill in a Salmonella Mbandaka outbreak linked to nationally recalled Krinos brand tahini sesame paste. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/two-infants-ill-in-salmonella-tahini-outbreak/#.UZoYGpWhTUg>

## **NATIONAL**

**(Oklahoma) Search for Oklahoma tornado survivors nears end.** Search and rescue operations following a devastating tornado that moved through Moore and left at least 24 dead and over 237 injured was 98 percent complete May 21. Cleanup efforts were underway and an estimated 20,000 families may be displaced. Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/search-for-oklahoma-tornado-survivors-nears-end>

**(Oklahoma) Tornado hits Oklahoma; death toll revised down to 24.** Over 100 people were injured and 24 were confirmed dead as a tornado ripped through Moore, Oklahoma, May 20 leveling Plaza Towers Elementary School and several homes and businesses. Crews were still searching through the rubble for victims and clearing debris, as well as dealing with downed power lines, open gas lines, and a lack of running water. Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/tornado-hits-oklahoma-death-toll-revised-down-to-24-1>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**3 N.Y.U. scientists accepted bribes from China, U.S. says.** Three New York University School of Medicine researchers were charged in connection with conspiring to take bribes from a Chinese medical imaging company and a Chinese-sponsored research institute to share nonpublic information about their work. The defendants, all Chinese citizens, were given support in the form of graduate school tuition, rental apartments, and travel expenses in exchange for information on research regarding M.R.I technology. Source:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/21/nyregion/us-says-3-nyu-scientists-took-bribes-to-reveal-work-to-china.html? r=0>

## **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**Cattle brokerage officials sentenced in fraud.** The former owner and chief operating officer of Eastern Livestock Co. were both sentenced for running a check kiting scheme that induced a bank to provide them to release funds from a \$32 million line of credit. The fraud processed cattle sales in 11 States before it collapsed in 2010. Source:

<http://www.courierjournal.com/article/20130521/NEWS01/305210094/Cattlebrokerage-officials-sentenced-fraud>

**Jailed hacker designs device to thwart ATM card skimming.** A Romanian hacker imprisoned for creating ATM skimming devices has invented a device that aims to prevent skimming by inserting the card lengthwise and then turning the card inside the machine. Source:

<http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14931>

## **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

**(Washington) Spokane hazmat team search apartment for ricin.** Authorities searched a downtown Spokane Apartment May 18 they believed was connected to two letters, containing the poison ricin, which were sent to the post-office and a federal building. Source:

<http://triblive.com/usworld/nation/4044901-74/letters-spokane-apartment#axzz2TqfjiUSh>

## **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**CDC research shows majority of public pool contaminated by feces.** According to the Centers for Disease Control, 58% of public pools had water samples which tested positive E. coli.

Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2013/05/16/cdc-research-shows-majority-of-public-pools-contaminated-by-feces/>

**(Virginia) Dozens injured after car drives into Virginia parade.** An elderly driving a vehicle in a parade in Damascus, Virginia, drove into an area of parade-watchers, injuring between 50 and 60 people May 18. Source:

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323582904578491523527509146.html?mod=googlenews\\_wsj&utm\\_source=feedly](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323582904578491523527509146.html?mod=googlenews_wsj&utm_source=feedly)

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**(Colorado) Homemade bomb found near Colorado Springs park.** The Colorado Springs Bomb Squad is investigating an incident where a homemade bomb, comprised of commercial fireworks and using the same materials as the Boston Marathon bombs, was found near a park and elementary school. Source:

<http://www.9news.com/news/article/337043/188/Homemade-bomb-found-near-Colorado-Springs-park>

### **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

**(Kentucky) 1 SEAL dead, 7 injured in training crash at Kentucky fort.** Seven were injured and a Navy SEAL was killed during a training exercise at Fort Knox in Kentucky May 15. The seven injured were taken to a hospital for treatment and the cause of the accident is still under investigation. Source: <http://triblive.com/usworld/nation/4041599-74/fort-training-navy#axzz2TqJoBLmF>

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(North Carolina) NC fuel distributor hit by \$800,000 cyberheist.** J.T. Alexander & Sons Inc., a Mooresville-based fuel distribution company, was the victim of an organized cyberheist in which thieves stole over \$800,000 from the company's payroll account. The criminals began the theft May 1 by sending money in sub-\$5,000 and sub-\$10,000 chunks to money mules via automated clearing house (ACH) transfers. Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/05/nc-fuel-distributor-hit-by-800000-cyberheist/>

**(Wisconsin) Burglars hit Wisconsin fire department.** The Dairyland Volunteer Fire Department in Wisconsin was robbed in late April and thieves took off with several items worth over \$44,000. Fire gear, saws, and medical supplies were some of the items taken after the suspects cut radios out of two trucks, putting them out of commission. Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10945185/burglars-hit-wisconsin-fire-department>

**(California) Man with sword shot, killed outside Inglewood police station.** A man carrying a blade-like weapon was shot and killed outside the Inglewood police station May 18 after he broke patrol car windows and refused to stop when commanded by officers. Source: <http://ktla.com/2013/05/19/man-shot-killed-outside-inglewood-police-station/#axzz2TqAkfx2h>

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**(Virginia) FBI: Agents fell to deaths during training.** The FBI announced the two agents who died while training along the Virginia coastline fell from a helicopter that had trouble during a maritime training exercise. Authorities are still investigating but believe the agents fell while in the process of fast-roping from a helicopter onto a ship and sustained severe injuries.

Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10946547/fbi-agents-fell-to-deaths-duringtraining>

**(Virginia) 2 FBI agents killed in training accident in Va.** Two FBI special agents from the agency's Hostage Rescue Team were killed during a training accident in Virginia May 17. Authorities are investigating the incident. Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/fbi-agents-killed-training-accident-va-19212779#.UZOiELXvtKA>

## **ENERGY**

**U.S. power companies under frequent cyber attack.** A congressional report released May 21 determined U.S. utilities face frequent cyber attacks which could threaten the highly-interdependent power grid. The report was based on the results of a survey that was sent to over 150 utilities, with various levels of response. Source:

<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/052213-us-power-companies-underfrequent-270022.html>

## **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**(Texas) Quarantine in south Texas as Mexican Fruit Fly invades, again.** Authorities in south Texas have quarantined an 85 square mile area in order to contain spotted larval Mexican Fruit Flies which could potentially threaten Texas agriculture. Source:

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/texas/2013/05/22/quarantine-in-south-texas-as-mexican-fruit-fly-invades-again/>

**(Hawaii) Hawaii cattle quarantined for Bovine Trichomoniasis.** The Hawaii Department of Agriculture's Animal Industry Division issued a quarantine order May 21 that requires testing of all beef and dairy bulls for a contagious reproductive disease called Bovine Trichomoniasis prior to entry into the State and before movement between herds within the State. Source:

<http://www.bigislandvideonews.com/2013/05/22/hawaii-cattle-quarantined-for-bovine-trichomoniasis/>

**Eco-Cuisine recalls product because of possible health risk.** Eco-Cuisine of Boulder recalled 10 different baking mix products because they may have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm353311.htm>

**Tropical Valley Foods issues allergy alert on undeclared milk and walnuts in next by Nature Dark Chocolate Bananas.** New York-based Tropical Valley Foods Inc. recalled their next by Nature Dark Chocolate Bananas sold in 3 ounce bags, due to undeclared milk and walnuts.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm352836.htm>

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## **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Washington) FBI arrests suspect in Washington State ricin case.** A man was arrested May 22 in connection with the discovery of a pair of letters containing ricin after a letter was mailed to a U.S. district judge in Spokane. The FBI is continuing to investigate and mitigate any remaining risks. Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10947854/fbi-arrests-suspect-in-washington-state-ricin-case>

**DHS employees' info possibly compromised due to system flaw.** DHS employees were notified of a vulnerability that may have led to personal information being accessible to unauthorized parties after a flaw was discovered on software used by a DHS vendor for processing personnel security investigations. DHS assured the public there was no evidence the information was mishandled and vendor is working with them to mitigate all damages. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14953>

**(Ohio) Suspicious substance sent in mail sends three to hospital.** Authorities are investigating after three government employees at an office in Lebanon were sent to the hospital May 20 after one opened a letter and came in contact with a suspicious substance inside. The building was evacuated and employees were sent home after the employee complained the substance caused her hands to burn. Source: <http://www.kpvi.com/content/news/story/Suspicious-substance-sent-in-mailsends-three-to-h/efU9s3GBsEu16t3Zpna4hg.csp>

**Hackers from China resume attacks on U.S. targets.** Researchers at Mandiant and CrowdStrike reported that a Chinese military cyberespionage unit previously identified in attacks against U.S. government and industry targets resumed operations after a pause following reports of their prior operations. Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/20/world/asia/chinese-hackers-resume-attacks-on-us-targets.html>

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Remote code injection vulnerabilities discovered in iOS apps.** Researchers from Vulnerability Laboratory discovered vulnerabilities in the File Lite and File Lite Pro apps available in Apple's App Store. The vulnerabilities allow code injection and unauthorized file uploads. Source: <http://threatpost.com/remote-code-injection-vulnerabilities-discovered-in-ios-apps/>

**Syrian Electronic Army hacks Financial Times Twitter accounts, blogs.** The Syrian Electronic Army hacker group compromised several Twitter accounts and blogs belonging to the Financial Times, defacing them. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Syrian-Electronic-Army-Hacks-Financial-Times-Twitter-Accounts-Blogs-354308.shtml>

**Yahoo Japan may have leaked 22 million IDs in attack.** Around 22 million user IDs from users of Yahoo Japan may have been leaked during an attack. Yahoo was unsure if the file was stolen



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since it was intercepted and access cut off when the attack was detected. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Yahoo-Japan-May-Have-Leaked-22-Million-IDs-in-Attack-354574.shtml>

**Cyber espionage campaign uses professionally-made malware.** Researchers at Trend Micro identified a large cyberespionage campaign dubbed “Safe” that has targeted computers in several countries and appears to have been created by an individual with formal computer engineering training. Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2500](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2500)

### **NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS**

**(California) Report: NPS Hantavirus response followed policy.** The Interior Department’s Office of Inspector General released a report that found Yosemite National Park officials responded appropriately and within policy to a summer 2012 Hantavirus outbreak that affected at least 8 out of 9 tourists staying in the park’s signature cabins. The office made a list of recommendations after they discovered the current changes were not in place to prevent future outbreaks. Source: [http://www.twincities.com/national/ci\\_23283410/report-nps-hantavirus-response-followed-policy](http://www.twincities.com/national/ci_23283410/report-nps-hantavirus-response-followed-policy)

**(Arizona) Fire fighters battle human-caused fire in Coronado National Forest.** Firefighters reached about 5 percent containment in a wildfire that burned through 800 acres east of the Nogales airport. Source: <http://www.kjzz.org/content/1305/fire-fighters-battle-human-caused-fire-coronado-national-forest>

### **POSTAL AND SHIPPING**

Refer to **Government** Sector, item #1 for related information

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Refer to the **Chemical and Hazardous Materials Sector**, item #1 and **Government Sector**, item #1 for related information

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**(Indiana) More than 50 injured in Indiana school bus crashes.** Four school buses were involved in an accident near North Webster May 22, leaving over 50 injured when one school bus ran into another causing a chain reaction crash. The accident is still under investigation as officials inspected the buses for any mechanical problems. Source: <http://www.hattiesburgamerican.com/viewart/20130522/NEWS01/130522049/More-than-50-injured-Indiana-school-bus-crashes>

**(New Jersey) US Airways plane makes unusual belly landing at Newark Airport.** A runway was closed for more than 8 hours after a US Airways flight made an emergency landing on its belly

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at Newark Liberty International Airport May 18 after the plane's landing gear failed to deploy.

Source: <http://www.southbendtribune.com/sns-rt-us-usa-plane-landingbre94h0at-20130518,0,886378.story>

### **WATER AND DAMS**

Refer to **North Dakota** section, items # 1 and 2 for related information

### **HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 State Radio: 800-472-2121; Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI): 701-328-5500; North Dakota Highway Patrol: 701-328-2455; US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst: 701-297-7400; Bismarck FBI: 701-223-4875; Fargo FBI: 701-232-7241.**

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